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§4-401.

(a) In this section, “provider” means:

- (1) An acupuncturist;
- (2) A chiropractor;
- (3) A dentist;
- (4) A nurse;
- (5) An optometrist;
- (6) A physician;
- (7) A podiatrist; or

(8) A person who is employed by or under contract with a hospital, nursing institution, or other health care provider.

(b) A provider may not knowingly or willfully destroy, damage, alter, obliterate, or otherwise obscure a medical record, hospital report, laboratory report, X-ray report, or other information about a patient in an effort to conceal the information from use as evidence in an administrative, civil, or criminal proceeding.

(c) A provider who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.

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